

Skill: *In the battle of existence, talent is the punch; tact is the clever footwork.*
—Wilson Mizner, U.S. screenwriter, 1876-1933

Regional Roundup

POD commander promoted to brigadier general



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Col. Carl A. Strock, the 21st Commander and Division Engineer of the Pacific Ocean Division, attained the rank of brigadier general in Nov. 4 ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Leading up to his promotion, Strock attended CAPSTONE at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C. Strock was officially promoted by Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard at USACE headquarters. Strock has been the commander of POD since August 1997.

The six-week-long CAPSTONE course is designed especially for new general officers. It differs from senior service schools by

providing for actual field experiences that emphasize unified, joint, and multinational operations. Strock trained in Europe for two weeks of the course. Spouses traditionally are invited to participate in the program during its final week, and Juliana Strock joined her husband during that period.

Strock's previous assignments have included serving as chief of staff of the U.S. Army Engineer Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and commanding the Engineer Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) from 1994 to 1996. He began his Army career as an enlisted soldier in 1971.

FED employees receive anthrax vaccinations

Story by Gloria Stanley, FED

As part of the Department of Defense force protection program, emergency essential civilian (EEC) employees of Far East District began receiving the first of a series of anthrax vaccinations on Oct. 8. They will receive six inoculations over the next 18 months.

Anthrax is an infectious disease that usually afflicts grazing animals. In airborne form it can attack the human respiratory system and other organs and can be used as a biological warfare agent against people. It can cause death within a week in about 99 percent of the cases, according to Lt. Col. Brian H. Feighner, Preventive Medicine Consultant at 18th Medical Command.

It is believed by DoD officials that the delivery of anthrax by an airborne weapons system is the most likely method by which an enemy would hope to infect U.S. forces. To provide protection, DoD has approved a vaccine and in early September began implementing a program against anthrax. It is being administered to all active duty and reserve military personnel, and EEC employees, beginning with forces assigned in potential high biological warfare threat areas in Southwest and Northeast Asia.

"If anyone would use anthrax, North Korea would," said Pat Crays, FED Emergency Manager. While no country is known to have used anthrax as a biological warfare weapon, several countries, including North Korea, are believed to have incorporated anthrax as a biological warfare agent in their arsenals.

FED personnel received their third shot in early November and will receive boosters at six months, 12 months, and 18

months. Thereafter, annual booster shots are recommended to maintain protection.

"After the shot I felt a stinging, burning sensation for a few



Nurse Staff Sgt. Toby Schmidt gives Charlotte Stockwell, chief of the Resource Management office, her second shot in the anthrax series of six inoculations she will receive over an 18-month period. Photo by FED.

minutes," said Charlotte Stockwell, FED chief of RM, after her first shot. "I don't have any problem taking the shots. There are certain requirements that go along with accepting an EEC position. This is just one of them."